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St. John's, October, 1976

TO THE HONOURABLE GORDON A. WINTER
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

May it please your Honour:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the year ended 31 March, 1976.

Your obedient servant,

HAROLD A. COLLINS
Minister of Health

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

St. John's, October, 1976

TO THE HONOURABLE HAROLD A. COLLINS
Minister of Health

Honourable Sir:

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the year ended 31 March, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNE J. SOMERS, B. COMM., C.A.
Chairman

MEMBERS NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION 31 MARCH 1976

Chairman	V.J. Somers St. John's
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	E. Noonan St. John's
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	N. Ralph St. John's
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	Executive Director Medical Care Commission

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Executive Director	R.C. Moores
Medical Director	Dr. T.A. Knowling
Comptroller	E.H. Hodder
Manager, Processing & Systems	R.O. Peddigrew
Medical Claims Administrator	G. Attwood
Administrative Officer	L. Butler
Supervisor, Assessment	
— In Province	L. Healey
— Out Province	Mrs. J. Corbett
Supervisor, Edit	J. Mugford
Supervisor, Public Services	N. Harris
Supervisor, Audits	E. Shute

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1975-76 REPORT

- Average gross payments to full time physicians was $72,166. The estimated overhead (i.e. costs of operating a practice) was one-third of gross payments, so that estimated average net professional income was $48,000.
- Volume of services paid increased 10.1 per cent over 1974-75 to 2,255,300.
- Total payments for insured services increased by 17 per cent over 1974-75 to $27,310,885.
- Contribution from Government of Canada was 74.7 per cent of insured service cost.
- 130 physicians commenced practice, 99 physicians retired or left the province for a net gain of 31 (5.9 per cent).
- Administrative costs $1,134,704 were 4 per cent of total program costs.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE INSURANCE PLAN

introduction

The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance Plan (MCP), in co-operation with the Government of Canada, provides coverage of medical services for all bona-fide residents of the province. The plan is administered by the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission, appointed in accordance with Section 4 of the Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance Act, Chapter 265 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970 and the Commission is responsible to the Minister of Health.

The Medical Care Insurance Fund, authorized under Section 29 of the Act, is financed by contributions from the Government of Canada and monies voted by the legislature of Newfoundland.

the plan

The legislative framework of the plan is set out in the Medical Care Insurance Act, amendments to that Act and its various regulations. The responsibility for the administration of the plan is vested in a Commission appointed by the provincial government. The contribution from the Government of Canada is based on fifty per cent of the national per capita cost of insured services in Canada multiplied by the provincial population. The provincial government funds the Commission for the difference between the Government of Canada contribution and total (including administrative) costs.

Individuals have complete freedom of choice as to which physician they consult. Physicians, themselves, may be either participating or non-participating with respect to the plan. A participating status means that the doctor invoices MCP directly at agreed rates. However, when a physician is non-participating he retains the right to bill the patient directly and at rates which may be higher than the agreed rates. MCP reimburses the patient who will be obliged to find, from his own resources, the difference, if any, between the billed and the agreed rates. Similarly, when a patient is treated by a specialist to whom he has not been referred, MCP will pay out of hospital costs at general practice rates and the patient is expected to pay the difference between general practice and specialist rates to the specialist. Medical services are provided by salaried physicians in most board operated and Cottage Hospitals.

Physicians' services included in the plan are set out in the Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance (Insured Services) Regulations. These include:

Visits in the office, hospital or home.
Care and treatment before, during and after operations, including anaesthesia.
Complete maternity care.
Eye examinations performed by a physician.
Specified surgical-dental procedures medically required to be performed in a hospital.

Not included in the plan are:

Services available to a resident under legislation covering Newfoundland Hospital Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Armed Forces.
Transportation, mileage charges and ambulance charges.
Drugs and vaccines.
Eye glasses, hearing aids, surgical appliances, wheel chairs, crutches, artificial limbs, etc.
Advice given by a physician to a beneficiary by telephone.
Plastic or other surgery for cosmetic purposes.
The services of optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, osteopaths, physiotherapists, nurses or paramedical personnel.
The difference between general practice and specialist rates for non-referred visits to a specialist.

organization

Section 18 of the Act makes provision for a Commission responsible to the Minister of Health, and charges this Commission to 'be responsible to establish and administer a plan of medical care insurance for residents of Newfoundland'.

The Commission is comprised of eight voting members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and two ex-officio members — the Deputy Minister of Health (or his representative) and the Executive Director of the Commission.

Mr. H.B. Morgan, Q.C. resigned on May 31, 1975 because of his appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court. The terms of office of the Chairman, Mr. Verne Somers as well as Comm. H.R. Steele, Dr. G. Winsor and Dr. A.F. Alexander expired on 31 December 1975. Mr. Somers was reappointed as Chairman for a further two year term. Other appointments during the year were Mr. E. Noonan and Dr. C.U. Henderson, St. John's, Dr. I.R. Woolfrey, Grand Falls and Mr. John Lloyd, Gander.

Twelve regular meetings were held during the year and there were several sub-committee meetings.

During the year the Commission undertook partial re-organization of its personnel. The position of Assistant to the Executive Director, vacated by retirement, was transferred as Administrative Assistant to the Finance and Statistics section. The position of Assistant to the Medical Director was transferred to the Processing and Systems area as Medical Claims Administrator. The Mail and Machine Room personnel were transferred from Processing and Systems to Finance and Statistics. A new position of Supervisor, Out of Province Assessment was created and a formal Audit Section organized comprised of a Supervisor , two audit clerks and a clerk-typist. The position of Systems Clerk was abolished. During the year there were four resignations, four appointments, two transfers and seven promotions. At year end the Commission staff complement was 60.

Following acceptance of the General Service Agreement in 1975, the Commission decided to recruit personnel through the Public Service Commission and the personnel selection committee of the Commission was disbanded.

medical

Statistics

Statistical reports are indicated in Tables 1 to 10. The information includes the disposition of the medical care dollar by age of patient, by type of service, by specialist and gross income distributions. Earnings of physicians are indicated under three categories in order that comparisons can be made with similar data produced in other provinces. Of particular interest are the following statistics:

(a) claims received from physicians increased 12.2% over the previous year.

(b) services paid increased by 205,900 or 10.1% over the previous year.

(c) Table 4 indicating range of services by number of fee-for-service patients.

(d) Table 5 indicating range of payments by number of fee-for-service patients.

(e) Table 8 indicating percentage of physicians in dollar categories for past four years.

(f) Tables 9 and 10 indicating 607 physicians as at 31 December 1975. During the calendar year 1975, 130 new physicians registered with the Commission, whilst 99 discontinued services by retirement or leaving the province.

Legislation

The Insured Services Regulations 1973 were amended as follows:

(i) Amendment No. 1/75 — Services rendered by residents removed from the listing of uninsured services (refer Amendment No. 2 of Physicians and Fees Regulations).

The Physicians and Fees Regulations were amended as follows:

(i) Amendment No. 1/75 — (a) revised method of payment for services received in other provinces and (b) formalization of claims signing authority by physicians.

(ii) Amendment No. 2/75 — (a) restriction of payment on fee-for-service basis to residents and interns, and (b) to permit payment of increased fees as from 1 April 1975.

(iii) Amendment No. 1/76 — to permit payment of increased fees as from 1 April 1976.

Committees

(i) Joint Liaison Committee — This committee, comprised of the Chairman and two voting members of the Commission with the President and two executive members of the Medical Association, discusses major policy items and attempts to create effective liaison between the two parties. This committee met on several occasions during the year.

(ii) Advisory Committees — A valuable and essential part of the Commission's work is carried out through the Medical Advisory and Dental Advisory Committees. At regularly scheduled meetings the Medical Director receives recommendations concerning the settlement of difficult or contentious claims. Recommendations made at these meetings serve as an excellent liaison between the Commission and the medical and dental professions. The harmonious and constructive relationships which exist are in great measure attributable to the excellent work of officials of these Committees and our Medical Director. Several meetings were held during the year and the Committees made 38 recommendations on contentious claims.

(iii) Consultants' Committee — The function of this Committee is to review profiles of physicians' practices, elicit explanations of variations in patterns of practice and recommend necessary action to the Commission. This Committee is nominated by the Association but responsible to the Commission. The Committee has been active since its inception in highlighting irregular patterns of practice and reviewing profiles where indicated.

(iv) Payment Schedule Committee — This Committee is comprised of three representatives each from the Commission and the Medical Association. Its function is to constantly monitor the payment schedule, consider and recommend to the Commission minor changes and interpretations as presented by the Medical Association.

Review of Fee Schedules

As indicated in the 1975 Report, negotiations were concluded with the Newfoundland Medical Association for a 12% increase to the Payment Schedule as from 1 April 1975 and a further 7.5% as from 1 April 1976. The additional cost for the fiscal year 1975-76 was $2,000,000. During 1975 and early 1976 negotiations were concluded on the allocation of the 7.5% increase from April 1976 which is estimated to cost an additional $1,500,000.

Negotiations were also concluded with the Newfoundland Dental Association for a 12% increase to surgical-dental fees as from 1 April 1975 costing an additional $43,000 and a 10% increase as from 1 April 1976 which is estimated to cost an additional $40,000.

claims processing and registration

Processing

A continuous increase in the volume of out-of-province claims since 1969 has necessitated a proportionate increase in staff. As patient claims for out-of-province services require almost complete manual assessment, a full-scale division was created in the new re-organization plan with a total of eight employees reporting to a newly-appointed Supervisor of Out-of-Province claims.

As has been the trend in previous years, volumes of processed items increased during the year ended March 31, 1976.

Following are comparative figures for the past three years:

	Year ended March 31		
	1974	1975	1976
CLAIMS (IN-PROVINCE)			
Received from physicians	1,305,100	1,486,500	1,668,300
% Increase over previous year	12.3	13.9	12.2
Claims paid	1,260,900	1,432,000	1,615,300
% Increase over previous year	11.9	13.5	12.8
Returned to physicians	42,700	54,900	54,570
Items of service paid	1,744,100	2,049,400	2,255,300
% Increase over previous year	16.5	17.5	10.1
CLAIMS AND ENQUIRIES (OUT-OF-PROVINCE)			
Received from patients	19,000	21,824	24,855
% Increase over previous year	35	15	14
Claims paid	12,800	15,378	19,961
Enquiries and non-payable claims	6,200	7,680	4,894
PATIENT REGISTRATION			
New registrations	27,200	26,800	25,700
Registration updates	51,000	54,000	48,000
Card replacements	15,000	11,000	11,000
CLAIMS REJECTIONS			
Edit	21.5%	18.8%	16.4%
Assessment	14.9%	5.8%	4.1%

Systems

Work was begun on a new computer program which will permit both economical storage and ease of access to historical claim data. File reorganization associated with this program will also result in a substantial reduction in computer costs. A completion date of mid 1976 has been established.

A revision of the Payment Schedule was implemented necessitating a number of computer assessment rule changes and a revision of rates. Normal assessment rule review also resulted in program changes which permit more efficient claims assessment.

Audits

The Commission's audit program was greatly expanded in 1975-76 when a separate audit division was created as part of an overall organization restructuring. The new division reports its findings through management to the Commission.

The audit group conducts a variety of investigations on unusual billing patterns and in each instance appropriate disciplinary or corrective action is taken. Improper billing is detected by various means such as (a) patient verification of services billed, (b) analysis of practice profiles and (c) review of improper billings rejected by computer assessment rules.

finances

Detailed financial results of the Commission's operations for the year are indicated in the audited financial statements which form part of this report. The national per capita cost for 1975-76 was $73.47, while Newfoundland's per capita cost was $47.97. Expenditure for insured services was $27,310,885, an increase of 17% over 1974-75. Administrative costs increased by 11.2% to $1,134,704 or 4% of total expenditure. The approved budget for 1975-76 was $29,200,000, as compared with total expenditure of $28,445,589.

Summary of Costs

	Total Medical Services Cost	Federal Contribution	Provincial Cost (Incl. Administration)
1969-70	$12,300,000	$ 9,500,000	$3,959,000
1970-71	15,000,000	12,300,000	3,443,000
1971-72	15,700,000	14,300,000	2,273,000
1972-73	17,600,000	16,200,000	2,325,000
1973-74	20,200,000	16,100,000	5,073,000
1974-75	23,200,000	18,100,000	6,150,000
1975-76	27,300,000	20,400,000	8,000,000

conclusion

Physicians can and do play an important role in attempting to control unnecessary requests for services and the Commission looks forward to their continued assistance in control of over-utilization and over-servicing. Fortunately, the majority of patients use the plan wisely and understand, that while there is no direct charge for medicare services, the plan is intended to cover only **medically** required services.

The Commission wishes to pay special tribute to those members whose terms of office expired during the year. Their contribution to the effective operation of the Medical Care Plan is deeply appreciated. At the same time we welcome members appointed during the year and trust they will receive some satisfaction in serving the Commission and the public. The Commission also appreciates the excellent work of its permanent staff during the year. In addition to a full load of routine work, the Negotiating Committee was provided with vast quantities of data in several formats, following which the revised Payment Schedules were implemented. The Commission is quite satisfied with the management of its programs during the year.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Chairman and Members,
The Newfoundland Medical Care Commission,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

I have examined the balance sheet of The Newfoundland Medical Care Commission as at 31 March 1976 and the statement of revenue and expenditure for the year then ended. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission as at 31 March 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied, with the exception to which I concur as outlined in Note 1 to these financial statements, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

D.E. HOWLEY, C.A.,
Auditor General

St. John's, Newfoundland
1 October 1976

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 1976

	1976	1975
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	$ 292,663	$ –
Term deposit certificates	850,000	–
Accrued interest receivable	7,731	6,361
Accounts receivable:		
Government of Canada:		
Estimated holdback	1,815,800	587,048
Estimated portion of contribution receivable relating to unprocessed and unpresented claims	2,382,055	2,241,877
Sundry	–	1,356
	4,197,855	2,830,281
Due from Province of Newfoundland:		
1974-75 operating deficit (Note 1)	–	1,212,953
Third party liability recoveries	12,130	18,154
Total current assets	5,360,379	4,067,749
Fixed assets:		
Furniture and equipment – at cost	81,691	71,290
Less: Cost expensed in year of acquisition (Note 1)	81,691	71,290
	–	–
Total assets	$5,360,379	$4,067,749
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Bank overdraft	$ –	$ 12,887
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	66,256	9.977
Due to Province of Newfoundland:		
Salaried physician costs	1,911,833	1,179,866
1975-76 operating surplus (Note 1)	225,160	–
	2,136,993	1,179,866
Estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims (Note 1)	3,157,130	2,865,019
Total liabilities	$5,360,379	$4,067,749

Signed on behalf of the Commission:

VERNE SOMERS
Chairman

ROY C. MOORES
Executive Director

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT 2

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
For the year ended 31 March 1976

Revenue

	1976	1975
Contributions:		
Government of Canada	$20,403,305	$18,096,662
Province of Newfoundland	8,100,347	5,100,000
	28,503,652	23,196,662
Investment Income	125,316	157,109
Third party recoveries	31,689	39,832
Miscellaneous	10,092	9,077
Total revenue	$28,670,749	$23,402,680

Expenditure

Insured services:		
Physicians		
Fee for service (opted-in)	$19,518,261	$16,332,204
Fee for service (opted-out) and out of province physicians	609,143	690,299
Dental surgery	370,189	323,583
Sessional payments	868,972	637,149
	21,366,565	17,983,235
Salaries paid by Commission	455,656	417,886
Salaries paid by Province of Newfoundland	5,488,664	4,834,368
	27,310,885	23,235,489
Administration — Statement 3	1,134,704	1,019,996
Total expenditure	28,445,589	24,255,485
Surplus (deficit) for the year	$ 225,160	$ (852,805)

See accompanying notes

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Administrative Expenditure
For the year ended 31 March 1976

	1976	1975
Computer costs:		
Claims processing	$ 343,700	$ 308,500
Redevelopment	18,653	26,949
	362,353	335,449
Salaries	559,576	488,010
Commission fees	10,128	9,766
Office supplies	65,810	78,908
Microfilming	3,972	2,480
Postage and telephone	28,263	27,038
Electricity	1,917	1,570
Furniture and equipment	13,658	4,243
Office rental	54,919	52,705
Leasehold improvements	6,141	1,035
Travelling	10,377	7,481
Miscellaneous	17,590	11,311
Total administrative expenditure carried forward to Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, Statement 2	$1,134,704	$1,019,996

See accompanying notes

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 1976

1. **Significant accounting policies**
   In accordance with Section 3 of The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance (Amendment) Act, 1974, the Province of Newfoundland is liable for any deficit of the Commission from monies voted by the Legislature. The Commission is therefore, of the understanding that any surplus of the Commission is due to the Province of Newfoundland. Accordingly, the Commission has recorded an amount of $225,160 as due to the Province of Newfoundland.

   The estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims is $3,157,130 as at 31 March 1976. This amount consisted of $1,933,530 covering claims received in March 1976 and paid in subsequent months and an estimate of $1,223,600 for physicians' services rendered prior to 31 March 1976 but for which no claims had been submitted at that time.

   The Commission follows the practice of writing off fixed assets in the year of acquisition.

2. **Anti-Inflation Act**
   Newfoundland Medical Care Commission, is subject, in part, to the Anti-Inflation Act and Regulations, which became effective 14 October 1975. As a result, the Commission's ability to increase fee for service rates and compensation subsequent to that date is restricted.

   The Commission is presently corresponding with the Anti-Inflation Board in connection with the 1976-77 increase in the fee payment schedule.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS BY TYPE OF PAYMENT BY SPECIALTY 1975-76

TABLE 1

Specialty	Physicians & Dentists	Fee-For-Service Payments	Salaried Payments	Sessional Payments	Total Payments	% Total Payments
Gen. Practice (F/S)	201	8,949,061	119,614	274,063	9,342,738	34.8
Anaesthesia	63	1,119,280		142,050	1,261,330	4.7
Dermatology	2	65,910			65,910	0.2
Surgery (General, Plastic & Neuro.)	41	2,304,578		45,615	2,350,193	8.8
Internal Medicine	41	1,584,704		13,093	1,597,797	6.0
Neurology	6	197,048		17,307	214,355	0.8
Obstet. & Gynae.	18	1,059,600		2,250	1,061,850	4.0
Ophthalmology	23	505,195		63,700	568,895	2.1
Orthopaedic Surgery	11	854,368		30,878	885,246	3.3
Otolaryngology	3	472,856			472,856	1.8
Paediatrics	21	775,328	1,000	51,780	828,108	3.1
Psychiatry	15	853,318		20,645	872,963	3.2
Urology	6	363,702		400	364,102	1.3
Salaried Physicians	305	356,179	5,666,632	185,379	6,209,190	23.2
Total Physicians	756	19,461,127	5,787,246	847,160	26,095,533	—
Out of Province		367,683			367,683	1.4
Dental Surgery	50	342,275			342,275	1.3
Totals		20,171,085	5,787,246	847,160	26,805,491	

ITEMS OF SERVICE BY TYPE OF SERVICE IN RESPECT OF 1975-76
(EXCLUDING SALARIED SERVICES)

TABLE 2

	Consultations & Assessments	Office Visits	Home Visits	Hospital Visits	Diagnostic Therapeutic Procedures	Obstetrics	General Surgery	Time Units	Dental Surgery	Totals	% of Totals
General Practice	73,435	934,979	126,750	174,946	31,422	11,495	27,159	107,034	1,902	1,489,122	67.4
Anaesthesia	172	47	8	993	4,610	237	24,971	55,729	4,809	91,576	4.1
Dermatology	2,138	1,220	—	2,299	113	—	321	—	—	6,091	0.3
General Surgery	16,990	15,039	2,185	27,665	276	42	16,003	2,481	15	80,696	3.7
Internal Medicine	20,443	8,901	223	80,459	13,041	1	1,738	1	—	124,807	5.7
Neurology	4,447	463	3	8,640	35	2	40	—	—	13,630	0.6
Neurosurgery	1,798	157	—	3,196	26	—	510	—	—	5,687	0.2
Obstet. & Gynae.	11,470	10,107	7	6,389	60	3,198	7,650	254	2	39,137	1.8
Ophthalmology	22,588	5,828	4	2,012	188	—	823	—	—	31,443	1.4
Orthopaedic Surgery	13,154	5,598	12	17,943	134	—	5,705	1,111	—	43,657	2.0
Otolaryngology	9,179	6,640	1	831	639	—	5,302	—	1	22,593	1.0
Paediatrics	13,858	11,145	780	42,616	15,122	—	269	71	—	83,861	3.8
Plastic Surgery	1,219	830	—	1,300	1	—	1,725	—	38	5,113	0.2
Psychiatry	6,567	36,395	187	29,560	2,150	—	—	—	—	74,859	3.4
Urology	3,860	972	10	6,164	157	—	3,460	10	—	14,633	0.7
Dental Surgery	4	1	—	—	67	13	7	—	63,421	63,513	2.9
Out of Province	4,147	7,981	53	2,869	2,038	213	829	—	56	18,186	0.8
Totals	205,469	1,046,303	130,223	407,882	70,079	15,201	96,512	166,691	70,244	2,208,604	
% of Totals	9.3	47.4	5.9	18.4	3.2	0.7	4.4	7.5	3.2		

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND SEX OF POPULATION
PAYMENTS AND SERVICES 1975-76 (EXCLUDING SALARIED SERVICES)

TABLE 3

	MALE			FEMALE		
	% POPULATION	% PAYMENTS	% SERVICES	% POPULATION	% PAYMENTS	% SERVICES
Under 1 yr.	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9
1 - 4	4.8	4.6	5.4	4.7	3.7	4.4
5 - 9	6.6	3.4	3.7	6.3	3.0	3.4
10 - 14	6.4	2.7	2.8	6.1	2.5	2.7
15 - 19	5.8	2.7	2.8	5.6	5.0	5.3
20 - 24	4.2	2.8	2.9	4.3	7.7	7.7
25 - 29	3.4	2.6	2.6	3.3	7.5	7.0
30 - 34	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.6	5.2	4.7
35 - 39	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.3	3.7	3.3
40 - 44	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.2	3.1	2.8
45 - 49	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.1	3.0	2.8
50 - 54	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.9	2.6
55 - 59	2.0	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.5
60 - 64	1.5	2.6	2.2	1.4	2.4	2.4
65 - 69	1.1	1.9	1.8	1.1	2.1	2.0
70 - 74	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.6
75 - 79	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.2
80 - 84	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.9
Over 84	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.6
	51.0	40.7	41.2	49.0	59.3	58.8

VOLUME OF PATIENTS BY AGE GROUP
BY NUMBER OF SERVICES 1975-76 (EXCLUDING SALARIED SERVICES)

TABLE 4

Age Groups	RANGE OF SERVICES 1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	Over 30	Totals	% of Total
Under 1 yr.	611	12	—	—	—	—	—	623	0.2
1 - 4	21,537	7,288	2,043	595	178	44	9	31,694	10.0
5 - 9	26,430	5,004	1,023	225	74	9	3	32,768	10.4
10 - 14	25,267	3,247	652	157	51	16	4	29,394	9.3
15 - 19	26,048	4,523	1,184	443	141	36	14	32,389	10.2
20 - 24	25,170	6,288	2,287	886	331	97	22	35,081	11.1
25 - 29	20,648	5,585	2,157	983	321	88	28	29,810	9.4
30 - 34	15,835	4,159	1,408	653	210	63	12	22,340	7.0
35 - 39	11,537	2,897	944	394	142	31	10	15,955	5.0
40 - 44	9,851	2,624	891	302	112	39	13	13,832	4.4
45 - 49	9.087	2,529	875	320	121	29	9	12,970	4.1
50 - 54	8,340	2,662	904	334	130	40	7	12,417	3.9
55 - 59	8.065	2,709	900	374	123	42	16	12,229	3.9
60 - 64	7,009	2,535	885	306	111	44	17	10,907	3.4
65 - 69	5,373	1,969	760	262	89	37	11	8,501	2.7
70 - 74	3,663	1,411	528	197	87	29	9	5,924	1.9
75 - 79	2,730	1,081	400	198	69	19	9	4,506	1.4
80 - 84	1,829	742	308	138	41	15	3	3,076	1.0
Over 84	1,276	516	206	101	44	25	7	2,175	0.7
Totals	230,306	57,781	18,355	6,868	2,375	703	203	316,591	
% of Total	72.7	18.2	5.8	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.1		

VOLUME OF PATIENTS BY AGE GROUP BY SIZE OF PAYMENT 1975-76 (EXCLUDING SALARIED SERVICES)

TABLE 5

Age Groups	Up to $10.00	$10.01 to $25.00	$25.01 to $50.00	$50.01 to $100.00	$100.01 to $200.00	$200.01 to $500.00	$500.01 to $1000.00	Over $1,000	Totals	% of Total
Under 1 yr.	187	169	151	90	20	3	3	—	623	0.2
1 - 4	5,116	9,745	8,132	5,634	2,276	700	67	24	31,694	10.0
5 - 9	7,762	11,679	7,006	4,110	1,728	443	32	8	32,768	10.4
10 - 14	8,179	11,225	5,576	2,804	1,203	362	38	7	29,394	9.3
15 - 19	8,312	11,680	6,253	3,442	1,944	710	46	2	32,389	10.2
20 - 24	7,419	11,430	7,174	4,254	3,354	1,372	72	6	35,081	11.1
25 - 29	6,019	9,122	5,825	3,836	3,264	1,663	76	5	29,810	9.4
30 - 34	4,527	6,947	4,384	2,944	2,157	1,307	71	3	22,340	7.0
35 - 39	3,248	5,092	3,185	2,029	1,409	920	67	5	15,955	5.0
40 - 44	2,645	4,351	2,813	1,936	1,204	797	76	10	13,832	4.4
45 - 49	2,360	3,976	2,835	1,882	1,061	758	84	14	12,970	4.1
50 - 54	2,010	3,733	2,791	1,882	1,096	782	106	17	12,417	3.9
55 - 59	1,851	3,661	2,793	1,919	1,058	806	119	22	12,229	3.9
60 - 64	1,578	3,136	2,559	1,786	972	735	113	28	10,907	3.4
65 - 69	1,125	2,350	1,981	1,390	860	654	127	14	8,501	2.7
70 - 74	726	1,598	1,423	989	579	509	97	3	5,924	1.9
75 - 79	538	1,194	1,015	720	506	445	85	3	4,506	1.4
80 - 84	353	762	699	547	342	335	35	3	3,076	1.0
Over 84	246	477	478	416	275	244	36	3	2,175	0.7
Totals	64,201	102,327	67,073	42,610	25,308	13,545	1,350	177	316,591	
% of Total	20.2	32.3	21.2	13.4	8.0	4.3	0.5	0.1		

AVERAGE GROSS PAYMENTS TO OR IN RESPECT OF PHYSICIANS (EXCLUDING SALARIED PHYSICIANS)

TABLE 6

	FULL TIME PHYSICIANS				PHYSICIANS EARNING OVER $10,000				ALL PHYSICIANS			
	1974-75		1975-76		1974-75		1975-76		1974-75		1975-76	
General Practice	(100)	56,604	(114)	66,854	(152)	47,491	(173)	53,418	(187)	39,222	(201)	46,481
St. John's	(35)	51,958	(39)	60,415	(51)	43,213	(58)	48,538	(67)	33,437	(74)	38,733
Corner Brook	(14)	56,807	(15)	67,639	(16)	53,128	(17)	62,471	(18)	47,381	(18)	59,004
Grand Falls	(8)	66,438	(9)	77,050	(11)	58,966	(12)	67,796	(12)	54,094	(13)	63,066
Carbonear	(2)	71,294	(2)	67,232	(3)	55,830	(9)	38,839	(8)	24,549	(11)	32,583
Labrador City-Wabush	(3)	55,522	(3)	65,127	(5)	43,249	(6)	43,356	(5)	43,249	(6)	43,356
Other Districts	(38)	57,998	(46)	70,160	(66)	47,461	(71)	55,506	(77)	41,295	(79)	50,329
Anaesthesia	(12)	53,153	(15)	54,448	(23)	41,421	(27)	41,954	(33)	29,931	(37)	31,671
Medical Specialists	(36)	63,545	(35)	72,046	(58)	48,309	(68)	51,717	(72)	39,830	(83)	43,061
Dermatology	(1)	56,818	(1)	65,132	(1)	56,818	(1)	65,132	(1)	56,818	(2)	32,955
Internal Medicine	(15)	58,609	(16)	67,104	(24)	45,719	(32)	49,137	(29)	38,567	(39)	40,839
Neurology	(2)	59,370	(2)	71,549	(4)	43,214	(4)	51,873	(6)	30,444	(6)	35,726
Paediatrics	(9)	66,383	(8)	70,261	(16)	47,359	(17)	47,527	(21)	37,277	(21)	39,434
Psychiatry	(9)	70,610	(8)	84,702	(13)	55,171	(14)	61,697	(15)	48,648	(15)	58,198
Surgical Specialists	(56)	79,827	(57)	87,525	(72)	66,506	(79)	70,614	(77)	62,621	(92)	61,298
Surgery (including Plastic & Neuro.)	(24)	74,328	(24)	79,659	(33)	60,263	(39)	60,053	(35)	57,525	(41)	57,321
Obstetrics & Gynae.	(10)	82,010	(10)	94,060	(12)	72,178	(13)	79,761	(13)	66,686	(18)	58,992
Ophthalmology	(5)	85,194	(5)	84,333	(9)	53,525	(9)	53,860	(9)	53,525	(13)	38,861
Otolaryngology	(3)	145,717	(3)	157,619	(3)	145,717	(3)	157,619	(4)	109,335	(3)	157,619
Orthopaedic Surgery	(10)	71,007	(10)	88,122	(10)	71,007	(10)	88,122	(11)	65,251	(11)	80,476
Urology	(4)	73,290	(5)	72,150	(5)	60,934	(5)	72,150	(5)	60,934	(6)	60,684
All Specialists	(104)	75,291	(107)	77,825	(153)	55,977	(174)	58,782	(182)	47,677	(212)	48,987
All Physicians	(204)	66,452	(221)	72,166	(305)	51,748	(347)	56,108	(369)	43,393	(413)	47,768

(Bracketed figures represent numbers of physicians)

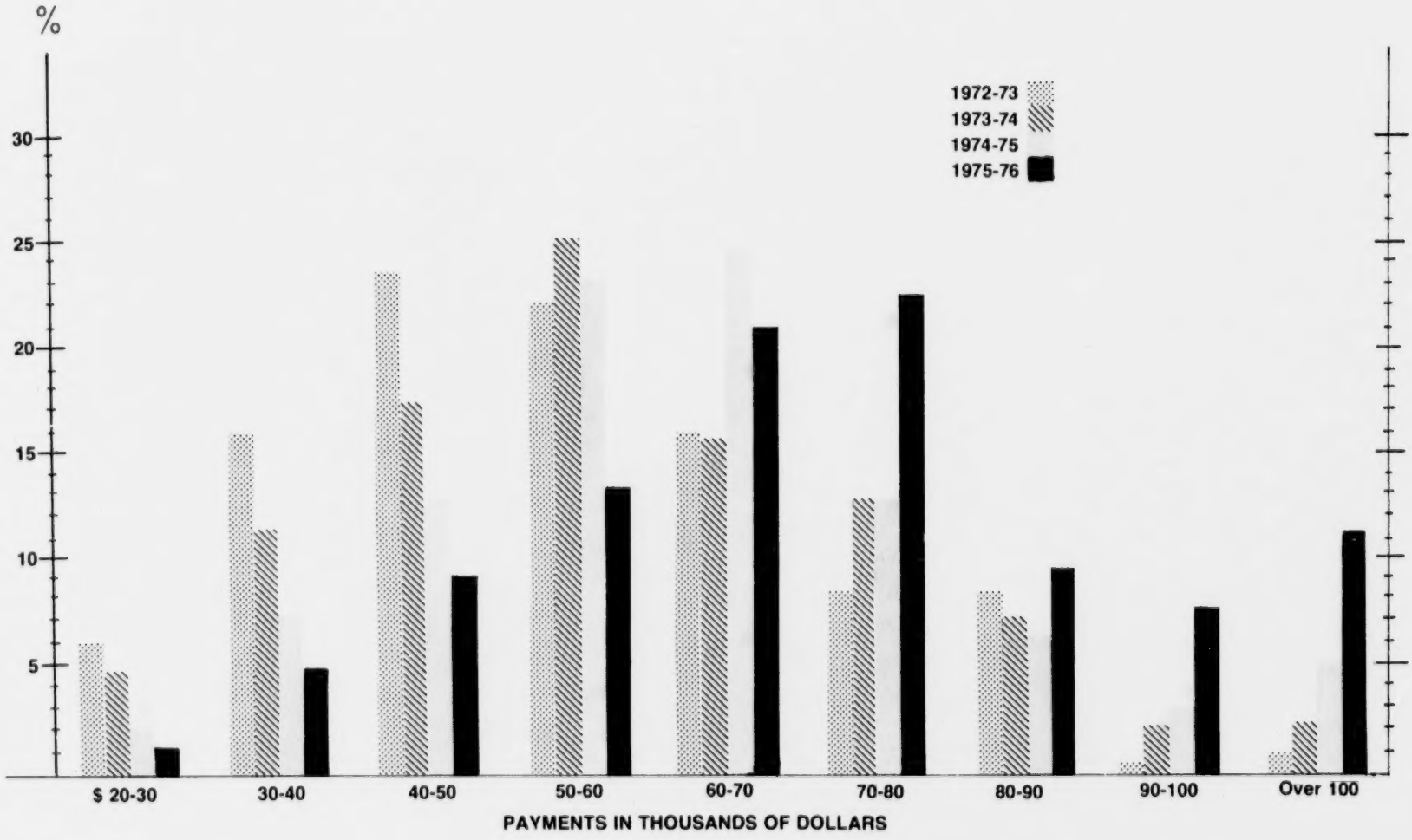
CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS TO OR IN RESPECT OF FULL-TIME PHYSICIANS
(EXCLUDING SALARIED PHYSICIANS)

TABLE 7

NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION GROSS PAYMENTS APRIL 1975 — MARCH 1976	ANAESTHESIA	DERMATOLOGY	SURGERY (GENERAL, PLASTIC & NEUROSURG.)	INTERNAL MEDICINE	NEUROLOGY	OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY	OPHTHALMOLOGY	OTOLARYNGOLOGY	ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY	PAEDIATRICS	PSYCHIATRY	UROLOGY	SUB-TOTALS	GENERAL PRACTICE	TOTALS	% OF TOTALS
$20,001 - 30,000														3	3	1.4
30,001 - 40,000	1		2	1									4	6	10	4.5
40,001 - 50,000	5		2	1							1		9	11	20	9.0
50,001 - 60,000	5		1	4						4		1	15	15	30	13.6
60,001 - 70,000	3	1	5	3	1		1			1	1	2	18	30	48	21.7
70,001 - 80,000	1		5	4	1	2	1		2		2		18	31	49	22.2
80,001 - 90,000			2	1		3	2		3	1		2	14	6	20	9.0
90,001 - 100,000			2	1		3			4	1	2		13	4	17	7.7
Over 100,000			5	1		2	1	3	1	1	2		16	8	24	10.9
TOTALS	15	1	24	16	2	10	5	3	10	8	8	5	107	114	221	

PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME PHYSICIANS WITHIN PAYMENT RANGES

TABLE 8



PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND 31 DECEMBER 1975

TABLE 9

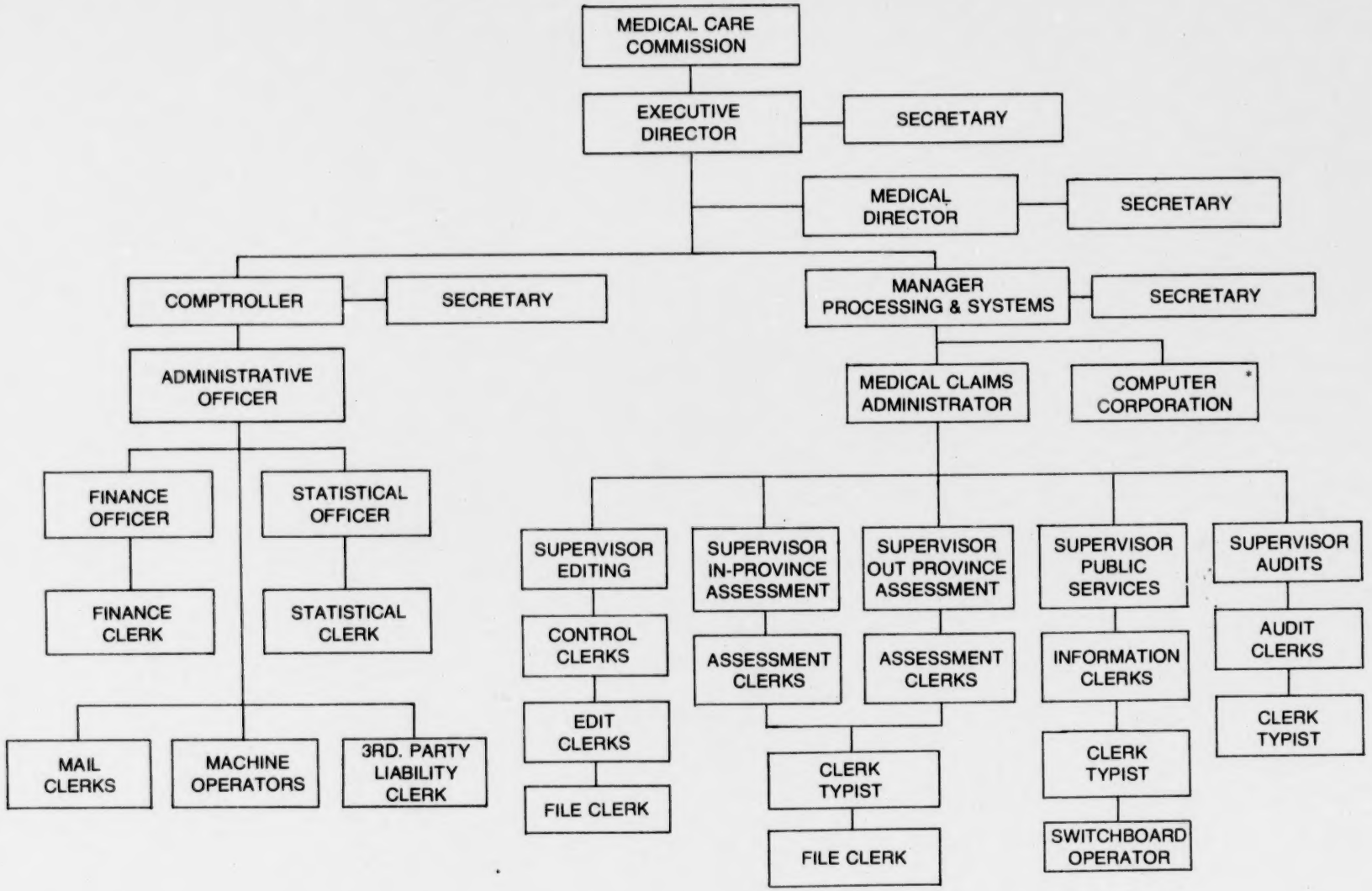
DISTRICT	PRIVATE PRACTICE	SALARIED	RADIOLOGY	PATHOLOGY	ADMINIS-TRATION	TOTAL PHYSICIANS	DENTISTS
BAIE VERTE	x	6	1	x	x	7	2
BAY DE VERDE	1	x	x	x	x	1	x
BELL ISLAND	1	2	x	x	x	3	1
BONAVISTA	1	6	x	x	x	7	x
BONNE BAY	x	4	x	x	x	4	x
BOTWOOD	x	4	x	x	x	4	x
BROOKFIELD	x	4	x	x	x	4	1
BURGEO	x	3	x	x	x	3	x
BURIN	3	4	x	x	x	7	1
CARBONEAR	9	x	x	x	x	9	2
CHANNEL	2	3	x	x	x	5	1
COME BY CHANCE	3	7	x	x	x	10	2
FERRYLAND	1	2	x	x	x	3	1
FOGO	x	2	x	x	x	2	x
GANDER	16	12	1	1	x	30	5
GRAND BANK	x	5	x	x	x	5	x
GRAND FALLS	23	5	2	2	x	32	6
HARBOUR BRETON	x	7	x	x	x	7	x
HARBOUR GRACE	3	x	x	x	x	3	1
HARBOUR MAIN	9	x	x	x	x	9	x
HUMBER	40	5	2	2	1	50	5
I.G.A. NEWFOUNDLAND	x	21	1	1	x	23	1
I.G.A. LABRADOR	x	13	x	x	x	13	x
LABRADOR	8	x	x	x	x	8	2
MARKLAND	1	4	x	x	x	5	2
OLD PERLICAN	1	4	x	x	x	5	x
PLACENTIA	2	3	x	x	x	5	2
PORT DE GRAVE	4	x	x	x	x	4	1
SPRINGDALE	1	5	x	x	x	6	2
STEPHENVILLE	5	13	1	x	x	19	2
ST. JOHN'S	256	13	11	8	13	301	28
ST. LAWRENCE	x	4	x	x	x	4	x
ST. MARY'S	x	2	x	x	x	2	x
TRINITY	x	1	x	x	x	1	x
TWILLINGATE	x	6	x	x	x	6	x
TOTALS	390	170	19	14	14	607	68

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND 1969 TO 1975

TABLE 10

YEAR	PRIVATE PRACTICE	SALARIED	RADIOLOGY	PATHOLOGY	ADMINIS-TRATION	TOTAL PHYSICIANS	DENTISTS
31/12/1969	221	149	15	17	19	421	54
Net 1970	+29	-7	+1	-3	+1	+21	+5
31/12/1970	250	142	16	14	20	442	59
Net 1971	+22	+6	-1	+1	-2	+26	-1
31/12/1971	272	148	15	15	18	468	58
Net 1972	+20	+3	+1	-1		+23	+9
31/12/1972	292	151	16	14	18	491	67
Net 1973	+8	+9		-1		+16	+3
31/12/1973	300	160	16	13	18	507	70
Net 1974	+71				-2	+69	+1
31/12/1974	371	160	16	13	16	576	71
Net 1975	+19	+10	+3	+1	-2	+31	-3
31/12/1975	390	170	19	14	14	607	68

ORGANIZATION CHART
NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION



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